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DR. BAGLEY'S FUNERAL HELD HERE FRIDAY

WAS COLLEGE TRUSTEE, VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND HELD OTHER OFFICES.

Was Held in High Regard

The funeral of the late Dr. Edgar A. Bagley, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. A. Shiner of Waukegan, Washington, at the age of 73 years, was held at the Presbyterian Church here Friday afternoon, Rev. William H. Mason of Saginaw officiating at the services. Masonic services were held at Riverside cemetery by Alma lodge No. 244, F. & A. M.

Dr. Bagley had been an Alma resident of prominence for over 35 years. For two terms he was the executive head of the city. He served Alma as a member of the school board and further indicated his interest in educational matters as a member of the Alma College board of trustees for some years. For many years he had been an active member of the Board of Trade. He was a director of the Alma State Savings Bank. He had also served as president of the Gratiot County Medical Society. In many other respects during the years that he was a resident of Alma he displayed his keen interest in the city and its welfare.

At the time of the funeral last Friday, from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock the business places of the city closed their doors as a mark of respect for him. Alma College also closed for the funeral services of the man who had given much time and thought for the betterment of the institution that he represented as a member of its Board of Trustees.

Dr. Edgar A. Bagley, the son of Saxton S. Bagley and Minerva Bagley, was born in Hillsdale county, Michigan, May 29, 1848, and attended the country schools of that county, and then Hillsdale College. He did not graduate from Hillsdale, going from that college to the Detroit Homeopathic Medical College in Detroit from which he graduated in 1873.

He started the practice of medicine in Nashville, Hillsdale county, where he remained until 1880, when he moved to Horton, Jackson county. He moved to Alma in 1886 and since that time had made his home in this city.

He was married October 27, 1875, to Lulla E. Russ, who died July 24, 1915. Three children were born to the union, William, Lucius S. and Mrs. D. A. Shiner. William died in infancy. Lucius is now a resident of Muskegon, Okla., and Mrs. Shiner a resident of Waukegan, Washington. Alma physicians who had worked with him for years, were pallbearers at the funeral services Friday.

LYCEUM NUMBER COMING SOON

FINE ARTS QUARTET IS TO APPEAR IN ALMA TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

The local committee in charge of the Lyceum course announces that those who hear the Fine Arts Quartet, which will appear here on the Lyceum course Tuesday evening, February 7, are sure to have a most enjoyable evening.

This organization is an entertainment company of artistic attainments. Each member of the company is a soloist, and the program becomes a recital of individual artists and a novelty program combined.

Among the features to be presented by the Fine Arts Quartet is an Irish sketch, a splendid interpretation of the music and life of old Ireland.

Another feature is a special arrangement of the best in Spanish music given in appropriate costumes.

While the ensemble work of the quartet is always a delightful part of the program, the work of the artists in the solos, duets, and trios is equally notable.

Saturday special—One big lot 64x 76 cotton blankets, grey, tan, and white, worth \$2.00 will be sold at \$1.29. D. W. Robinson.—Advertisement 1w.

Special for Friday, Jan. 27, custard and pumpkin pies, 15c each. Come early, or phone your orders. Model Bakery.—advertisement.

Good Speakers At Noon Lunch

Addresses on economics at the noon day luncheon of the Alma Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon formed a program that the business men and others who attended the luncheon greatly enjoyed, as it opened up deep avenues for thought in their own business ventures.

Lyle De Barnhart, instructor in economics in Alma High School was the first speaker at the luncheon, and in his address he gave a portrayal of the place of the retailer in the business world. One of the real features of his address was his pointing out to the business men that mail order competition can be met by them. He also pointed out the advantage of home trading, one of the features of which was the fact that goods can be secured when needed, and can be inspected before purchase, two big factors that are not available from the mail order houses. He pointed out that when goods are needed at once they have a greater value to the person purchasing, than though he could wait several days for their delivery, when secured from a mail order house.

Mr. C. H. Chapman, manager of the Northern Wheel Company, was called upon to introduce Mr. Warner of Jonesville, a manufacturer in that place. Mr. Warner spoke of the economic conditions of the past two years and spoke of the future in a very hopeful manner. The history of the country, its rapid development, etc., was such in the past as to show that the present condition was but temporary. In closing he spoke of the value of the luncheons such as the Alma Chamber of Commerce had each week.

President H. M. Crooks of Alma College in a short address took up the retail discussion and predicted that in the near future only the most successful of retailers in the various lines would continue in their business ventures, as there was no need of many of the small stores which spring up, fostered by people who have retired from some work and are satisfied just to be in business if they can have something to do.

C. V. Calkins acted as chairman at the meeting, which he handled in a fine manner. He appointed four ticket sellers for the luncheon next Wednesday.

DEBATERS MEET MT. PLEASANT

CLOSED SHOP WILL BE ARGUMENT IN CONTEST HELD HERE FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Alma High School Debating team, which has so far won two debates, both of them by unanimous decision of the judges, will meet the Mt. Pleasant High school debating team in the High school auditorium Friday evening and predictions are being made that the locals will win again. The debate will be on the closed shop question which is being debated this year by the interschool debating league.

The Alma team will take the negative side of the question and will argue against the closed shop, while the Mt. Pleasant debaters will present their arguments in favor of the closed shop in American industry. The Alma team will consist of Elliott Crooks, John Holmes and Dare Strong.

In the first debate of the season at Mt. Pleasant against this same trip Alma won on the affirmative side of the question. It is reported that the forensic artists of that city are coming to Alma determined to even up matters with the local team, and with revamped and bettered arguments are expected to put up a hot fight for the decision of the judges.

Fuller Tire Shop Is Sold

Announcement has been made that F. J. Fuller has sold his tire business, which has been conducted under the name of Fuller Tire Shop to Ellison Bros., who conduct a tire shop on Woodworth avenue.

Mr. Fuller expects to leave immediately for Maryland to join C. J. Dana, former agent of the Holland Furnace Company, here, who will take charge of work for the company in that state.

ELKS ENTERTAINED

The local lodge of Elks entertained well over a hundred guests last Thursday evening at a card party at the lodge hall, where the guests were made to feel themselves to be "one of the good fellows" for the evening. A luncheon was served shortly before midnight to the guests. Announcement was made of a membership campaign which is to be waged by the lodge, which will be closed early in March.

DELEGATE TO A NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ALMA C. OF C. INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO WASHINGTON MEET.

Consider Rail Road Situation

An invitation today reached the Alma Chamber of Commerce asking that representatives be sent to a national conference of business men to be held at Washington, February 8 and 9, for the purpose of considering the railroad situation and what should be done about it from the business standpoint.

The conference is to be held under the auspices of the National Council of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. More than 1,400 business organizations throughout the country holding membership in the National Chamber have been asked to participate in the conference. The National Council is made up of one representative each from these business organizations.

Some business men, who have followed closely the railroad situation since the roads were turned back to private control, see a drift towards government ownership and operation unless there can be worked out some plan by which the roads can be put on a self-supporting basis. They feel that the Transportation Act should be given a longer trial and that attempts which are being made in Congress to amend the Act, if successful, will precipitate a crisis which may make it impossible for the roads to continue under private management. As yet, in their opinion such an increase in earnings as has been attained may have been reached at the expense of proper maintenance.

The Railroad Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States is of the opinion that the Transportation Act can be left untouched and at the same time there can be worked out a constructive plan which will help solve the problem. It will prepare a report to be presented at the Council meeting suggesting a program for dealing with the situation. This report when completed will propose means for keeping the national interest in adequate transportation foremost in all measures which may be taken in relation to transportation.

The National Chamber's Railroad Committee in the past has made suggestions which have been adopted by the Chamber's membership and the corresponding principles subsequently have appeared in legislation. The Transportation Act itself contains many features which the Committee strongly recommends as a result of the years of study which it has devoted to railroad transportation in the United States.

A new nominating system for directors of the Chamber, adopted by referendum vote that closed on January 10 also will be a subject for discussion at the Council meeting.

"The Council is a peculiarly appropriate body," says a statement by the Chamber, "to consider questions of the internal operations of the Chamber. The subject of nomination of directors has been given great importance ever since the organization of the Chamber. The founders of the Chamber and its members always have placed emphasis on the fact that the Council is a truly representative body. In keeping this tradition in mind the new plan for nominations makes it possible for the presidents of the fourteen hundred organizations within the Chamber to participate in bringing forward candidates for the Board of Directors to which elections regularly will be made next spring."

The meeting of the Council will take up also principles for a change to the metric system of measurement. It will receive a report from a Committee which goes into arguments for and against the metric standard and it will decide whether the subject is one to go to a referendum of the Chamber's membership.

ARCADA GRANGE

Arcada Grange met in regular session Friday evening, January 20, at which time the newly elected officers of the Grange were installed. Mrs. Pettit of Pompei Grange acted as installing officer. The following officers were installed: W. M. Earl Kuhlman; W. O. Carl Church; W. S. Byrd Clark; W. L. Mary Keefe; secretary, Mabel Clark; treasurer, Anna Wood; gate keeper, C. H. Smith, chaplain, George Kirby; assistant S. Max Church; L. A. S. Zella Church; court ladies, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Keefe, Mrs. Kuhlman. Light refreshments were served and were followed by dancing. The next meeting will be held the first Friday in February.

Zero Weather Hits This City

During the past few days the thermometer has hit the zero mark for the first time this year, according to figures furnished by F. L. Delavan, local co-operative observer, the mercury dropping past the zero mark Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Early Sunday morning the thermometer stood at one degree above zero. The highest point during the day was 23 degrees.

The following morning the thermometer registered 3 below zero, and 15 degrees was the hottest point during the day.

Tuesday morning it was one degree colder than on the previous morning and during the day the thermometer went one degree higher.

Wednesday morning early the thermometer registered 6 below zero. At noon Wednesday it was about 16 above zero.

W. C. T. U. HAS SPECIAL PROGRAM

FRANCES WILLARD UNION CELEBRATES RATIFICATION OF VOLSTEAD ACT.

Tuesday, January 17th, was one of the most significant anniversaries of this year, since it recalls that most important day two years ago, when the Volstead Act was made a law. With this thought in mind, the members of the Francis Willard Union held special emphasis on the observance of the day. The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, January 18th, at the home of Mrs. Ezra Smith on State street. A very goodly number were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Mart Smith, following which Mrs. M. Duffy read the 14th Psalm and led in sentence prayers. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Page who introduced the program of the afternoon by a splendid talk on "Why We Celebrate the Day." She finished her address by the reading of the Volstead Act.

At this time Mrs. Hudson, accompanied by Mrs. Donald Smith, at the piano, sang in her very pleasing way, "Wind the Ribbon Round the World." A special feature of the program was that of having three outside speakers. Rev. Willis Geston of the Presbyterian church, spoke on "America's Leadership." He pointed out the fact that the world looks to America for moral leadership as well as in other ways, because we have been first in the promulgation of peace projects. Also, that we were the first nation to vote on Prohibition, and therefore could not and must not lower our moral standards. He did not wish to be quoted as saying that America is the strongest nation, but that we are as strong as any other nation, and with our sterling ancestors as an example, must lead out, especially in bringing about Peace through the enforcement of Prohibition laws.

Mr. Babcock of the Record spoke on the question, "Is Law to be Sovereign in the United States?" If that is to be the case, he stated, we must be constantly alert to every phase of law enforcement. "We must bring every effort to bear upon using all possible avenues through which we can prove the supremacy of the law, and the law abiding citizens. He urged the constant use of the press in placing this significant situation before the public, and demonstrating the fact that there are still a great many people who are determined to see the fight through to a victorious end.

Mrs. Ezra Smith spoke with considerable enthusiasm on the necessity of publicity along all possible lines of prohibition and temperance. She also urged the free use of the press, and spoke with especial emphasis on the interest which is created by cartoons. These should be used to make public every victory as it is won.

Miss Mable Field of Alma college, spoke in behalf of the younger citizenry upon the subject, "The Value of Law Enforcement to the Rising Generation." She spoke along very psychological lines and proved the detrimental effect which the breaking of even a simple law has upon character. She also mentioned the slighting (Continued on page two)

SPECIAL SERVICE

There will be special services at the Baptist Church afternoon and evening, Wednesday, Feb. 1st. The meeting will be a part of the "Forward Step Campaign." The afternoon program will consist of devotional service at 2:30 p. m. followed by an address by Mrs. Wadsworth, concerning the women's work. Rev. W. T. Roberts of Lansing, will conduct a round table conference, assisted by Mrs. Wadsworth. At 7:30 p. m. there will be an address followed by a stereopticon lecture. All the services will stress the missionary program of the local church. The meetings are open to the public.

LYNCH WILL BE SPEAKER AT THE FORUM MEETING

FORMER PRESIDENT OF C. OF C. AT PONTIAC SPEAKS HERE TONIGHT.

Meeting Held at The City Hall

The first open forum meeting of the Alma Chamber of Commerce to be held in some months will be held this evening at the city hall at which time James Lynch of Pontiac, former president of the Chamber of Commerce of that city, will be the principal speaker.

As has been the custom at past forum meetings a luncheon will be held, and arrangements have been made to care for 150 people at the luncheon. This luncheon will be served the same way that the usual Wednesday noon luncheons are handled.

Mr. Lynch, the principal speaker of the evening, has not only been a former president of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce, but has acquired many of the fine points that are needed for the successful conduct of such an organization, and because of this his services have been in big demand. He has been a speaker before such organizations in Dayton, Ohio, and other large cities.

A short but good program is being arranged for the meeting, and will include some good musical selections, Charles H. Gorgin, attorney, will act as the chairman of the meeting.

The open forum will start promptly at 7:00 o'clock and it is planned to bring the meeting to a close promptly at 8:30, making the evening available for those who desire to attend the Masonic party or the show.

Normal Reserves Defeated Locals

The Alma High school basketball team lost its first game of the season Friday evening to the Mt. Pleasant Normal Reserves on the Teachers floor at Mt. Pleasant by a score of 13 to 4, the locals being practically helpless after Elias and Anderson, center and forward had been chased from the game.

Poor officiating permitted the roughest of tactics to be used on the part of the Normal Reserves, who held at every opportunity and Alma was rarely given a chance to shoot for baskets. Any attempt at retaliation on the part of the locals was immediately nipped and the Teachers counted a majority of their points from the foul line.

The kind of a fray that this one proved to be may serve to cause the local athletic management to see that it has everything to lose and nothing to gain from playing reserve teams from the Normal or any other such institution. It might far better play a good high school aggregation. A reserve team of this kind has little standing, its strength is questionable, and no credit is given a high school outfit that wins from a team of this kind. To lose to such a team usually is a means of giving the high school aggregation a black eye as far as its season's record goes.

INDIANS DEFEAT BUILDERS

In an overtime game between the Mt. Pleasant Indian boys and the Builders, last Saturday afternoon, the Indians defeated the Builders, by a score of 21 to 15, at Mt. Pleasant.

Not until the last of the game did the Indians become dangerous to the visitors, but when the coach of the Redskins made a change in his lineup, the one sided score began to even up. At the end of the regular game the score was 15-15. Five minutes overtime play gave the speedy Indians a margin of three field baskets, making the score 21-15.

The Indians will play a return game with the Builders on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 4, at 2 o'clock in the High School gym. The locals are hoping for a victory on the supposition that the large boy placed on the Indian lineup in the recent game will not be along. Without this player it is almost sure that the Presbyterians can pull over a victory on the red men.

The Presbyterian bunch has been defeated this year, only by the Catholics. The victory for that team came as a result of the absence of Sartor from the Builders team. The Catholics played a fast game and deserved the margin in their favor.

Saturday special—Women's sweaters, newest styles with lace fronts, colors, jade, honey, peacock, jockey red, buff, tomato, and navy. Worth \$3.00 will sell at \$1.98. D. W. Robinson.—advertisement 1w.

Wireless Grand Opera Farm Week

With arrangements completed for a fifteen minute program of "wireless" Grand Opera to feature each evening meeting, and exhibits rapidly assuming final form, the stage is all set for thousands of Michigan farmers who will gather at M. A. C. from Jan. 30 to Feb. 3 for the annual Farmers Week and Housewives Congress. Final programs of speakers have been announced, entertainment features are ready, and all that remains to make the conference the greatest in the history of Farmers Weeks is favorable weather, according to college authorities.

The heads of Michigan's two great universities, M. L. Burton of the U. of M., and president-elect David Friday of M. A. C., will address the general meetings. H. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau; Congressman J. C. Ketcham, of Michigan; G. I. Christie, of Purdue University, and many other famous speakers have sent final confirmation on their engagements to speak.

Prominent agricultural associations of the state have completed plans for their individual meetings. These include the State Farm Bureau, the Crop Improvement Association, the Michigan Farmers Association, the State Branch of the American Poultry Association, the Beef Producers Association, the Potato Producers Association, and others.

Exhibits as announced are to be unusually instructive and attractive. Horticulture, farm crops, soils, farm machinery, livestock, poultry and rabbits, and many other phases of agriculture are to be covered in the displays.

Plans for entertainment of women guests have been finished by the college Home Economics Dept. Exhibits on clothing, nutrition, and home furnishing will be on display, special speakers and meetings will be held, and every effort will be made to give the women as good features as the men enjoy.

Among entertainment features will be the annual parade, in which more than a mile of moveable equipment of M. A. C. lines up for a great pageant.

Saturday special—Women's silk and georgette waists worth up to \$8 will be sold at \$2.98. D. W. Robinson.—Advertisement 1w.

VREELAND WON ORATORICAL HONOR

BAY CITY LAD EARNS RIGHT TO REPRESENT ALMA IN STATE CONTEST.

The Men's elimination contest for the right to represent Alma College in the Michigan Oratorical League Contest to be held here in Alma in the near future, was held in the College chapel, Thursday evening, January 19. The first place was hotly contested, Frank Vreeland winning out over Fred Mobley by a slight margin of points.

The winning oration, "The Equality of Love," delivered by Vreeland showed evidence of earnest preparation and thought. Equality, Vreeland brings out, however popular a word it may be is to many, one of magic and of a vague meaning. To be sure there is equality among the one class, the strong and the cunning, but what is to become of the weak and helpless, the more skeptical are certain to ask? Deploable economic conditions in this country and the food famine in China are evidences of the fact that something is evidently lacking. This something is love, the full significance of which we have failed to realize, disregarding God's commandment to love one another. The French revolted against the tyranny of one class, but the first government of their own did not succeed because of the lack of love. Thus, we hope for the day of the reign of love.

Mobley's oration, which in the opinion of some of the judges deserved first place, was entitled, "Qualities of True Greatness." This pleasingly unique subject was a relief from the perils of warfare and famine for it allowed ones mind to wander from the terrible conditions of the present day and age and revert to the times when men, stimulated by the Father with the qualities of true greatness, made (Continued on page two)

(Political Advertisement)

Candidate for County Clerk
To the voters of Gratiot County:
I wish to announce my candidacy for the office of county clerk of Gratiot county at the Republican primary September 12.

I was a candidate at the time that the present clerk, Bernie Case was nominated and now that the way is again open, I solicit the support of those who have voted for him as well as those who voted for myself and of all voters.

Very truly,
C. D. Wiles.

FLAMES CAUSE DEATH OF TWO BOYS TUESDAY

LITTLE CHILDREN TRAPPED IN KITCHEN OF FLAME-SWEPT HOME PERISH.

Were the Sons of Howard Woodmansee

Seldom, if ever, has Gratiot county had a greater tragedy than that at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Woodmansee, two miles north of St. Louis, Tuesday morning, when their two children, Ward, a charming little lad of three years, and Lawrence, a smiling happy baby of seven months, were burned to death when flames destroyed the farm home, while Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee were forced to stand by and see the flames eat out the little sparks of life in the bodies of their two children, whom they had left at the house just a few minutes previously.

Just how the fire started is a mystery that has not been solved, and probably never will be. Seemingly it was one of those blazes which often occur for which there is no explanation.

Shortly before the fire took place about 10:00 a. m. Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee left the house to go out to the chicken coop to do some work. When they left the house little Lawrence was in his high-chair in the kitchen and Ward, the older of the children, was playing around the room in his usual happy mood.

Suddenly Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee heard a loud cry from Ward and turning towards the house discovered that a fire was raging fiercely. They ran to the house as rapidly as possible, thinking only of the grave danger in which their loved ones were in.

When they reached the home the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to enter the kitchen to aid the children. Mr. Woodmansee grabbed a rake and smashing a kitchen window attempted to reach little seven months old Lawrence with it. He succeeded in reaching the baby, but the rake did not hold to the clothes. He made attempt after attempt to reach the baby, and finally got it out of the window, when the handle burned through. By this time the flames had gained such a headway that further attempts to save the little fellow could not be made. Mr. Woodmansee was then badly burned about the face and head from the heroic efforts that he had been making.

Terribly shocked, both he and Mrs. Woodmansee were forced to stand by then and watch the flames consume the house, knowing that no human efforts would avail in saving their children.

After the fire the charred bodies of the lads were found in the smoking ruins of the house. The body of three year old Ward was found in a corner of the room, where he had backed to escape from the flames.

The funeral of the little children will be held today from the home of Mrs. Woodmansee's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodmansee are about prostrated from the terrible experience and mental suffering that they were forced to undergo.

LECTURE-RECITAL HERE SATURDAY

FOLKLORE, INDIAN CUSTOMS, ETC., MAKE-UP LORING'S BIG PROGRAM.

"The North American Indian," his customs, folklore, dances and music will make up the program of a lecture-recital to be given at the High School Auditorium Saturday afternoon at 2:30 and Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock by Harold A. Loring and Brave Hawk, a Sioux Indian.

The lecture-recital is being given as a benefit for the Alma College Athletic Association. The afternoon program is being given for the school children at which time a special admission price of 15 and 25 cents is to be made. Saturday evening the admission will be 25 and fifty cents.

Some years ago President Roosevelt appointed Mr. Loring to visit the Indian reservations and record the legends and music of the Indians for the U. S. government. He spent some years learning the languages and customs of the Indians and is probably the best informed man in the country today on the American Indian. Brave Hawk who will assist him will appear in native costume and will illustrate the weird songs and peculiar ceremonial dances.